

STATE ATHLETIC COMMISSION

Modified Language

Amend section 523 of Division 2 of Title 4 of the California Code of Regulations to read as follows:

523. Ring.

(a) For kickboxing contests, the ring or fighting area shall meet the requirements of Rules ~~344~~ 310 through ~~343~~ 312, inclusive. For all other types of martial arts bouts, the ring or fighting area shall meet the requirements set forth below in this section.

(b) The ring or fighting area shall be no smaller than ~~18' by 18'~~ 20' by 20' and no larger than 32' by 32'. A ring enclosed by ropes shall be square. The ring floor or floor of the fighting area enclosed by ropes shall extend at least 20 inches beyond the ropes. The ring floor or floor of the fighting area ~~and~~ shall be padded in a manner approved by the commission, consistent with the requirements of section 18724 of the code. Padding shall extend beyond the ring or fighting area and over the edge of the platform. The ring or fighting area shall have a canvas covering or similar material, tightly stretched and laced to the ring platform. Vinyl or other plastic rubberized covering will not be permitted. There shall not be any obstruction or object, including but not limited to a triangular border, on any part of the ring floor.

(c) The ring platform shall not be more than four feet above the floor of the building. ~~and~~ A ring enclosed by ropes shall have three sets of suitable steps or ramps, one for use by each of the fighters and one for use by the officials. A ring enclosed by a fence shall have two sets of suitable steps or ramps for use by the fighters and the officials. Ringside tables shall be no higher than ring platform level. Ring posts for a ring enclosed by ropes shall be of metal, not less than 3" nor more than 6" in diameter,

extending from the floor of the building to a ~~minimum height of 58"~~ maximum height of 6" above the highest horizontal rope above the ring floor. ~~and shall be properly padded in a manner approved by the commission.~~ Ring posts for a ring enclosed by ropes shall be separated from the ring ropes by at least 18 inches. The posts for a ring enclosed by a fence shall extend from the floor to the top of the fighting area and shall be no less than 66" and no more than 78" above the floor of the fighting area. All posts shall be properly padded in a manner approved by the commission.

(d) The ring shall be enclosed by either of the following:

(1) ~~a~~ A fence made of such material as will not allow a fighter to fall out or break through it on to the floor of spectators, including but not limited to vinyl-coated chain link. However, the enclosure shall not obstruct or limit the supervision and regulation of the bout by the officials or commission representatives. All metal parts shall be covered and padded in a manner approved by the commission and shall not be abrasive to the fighters.

(2) A minimum of five horizontal ropes not less than 1 inch in diameter and wrapped in soft material: the lowest rope to be not less than 5 inches nor more than 8 inches above the floor; the second rope to be not less than 8 inches nor more than 12 inches above the lowest rope; the top three ropes to be spaced equal distance apart and not less than 12 inches nor more than 14 inches from each other. The lowest rope shall have applied around it a padding of a thickness of not less than ½ inch and of a type and construction to be approved by the commission. The horizontal ropes shall be tied together by vertical ropes not less than ¼ inch in diameter. If a ring is less than 24' by 24', there shall be two (2) vertical ropes, spaced equal distance apart, on each side of the

ring. If a ring is 24' by 24' or greater, there shall be three (3) vertical ropes, spaced equal distance apart, on each side of the ring. The lowest portion of each vertical rope shall have applied around it a padding of a thickness of not less than ¼ inch and of a type and construction to be approved by the commission.

NOTE: Authority cited: Section 18611 and 18763, Business and Professions Code.
Reference: Section 18765, Business and Professions Code.